

Coin books worth a mint

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If you have coin collectors on your holiday shopping list, don't fret. Here's a stocking-full of suggestions to ensure gift-giving success.

● Subscription to a coin newspaper or magazine. The most popular are two weekly newspapers, *Coin World* [\$26 a year; write to P.O. Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45365] and *Numismatic News* [\$23 a year; write to 700 E. State St., Iola, Wis. 54990]. *Coin World* averages at least 92 pages a week; *Numismatic News*, about half of that total.

One of the finest monthly magazines is *COINage*, with offices at 2660 E. Main St., Ventura, Calif. 93003. A subscription costs \$16 annually.

● "Perspectives in Numismatics," edited by Saul B. Needleman, the hobby's best new book of 1986. Twenty scholars—including several well-known collectors—wrote original essays for the Chicago Coin Club, which compiled them into this 364-page reference. Subjects range from the history of ancient Roman coinage to advice on doing business with mail-order coin dealers.

For a softcover copy, send a check for \$16.50 to the Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, Ill. 60690.

● Membership in the American Numismatic Association. Even novices will prize an affiliation with the nation's largest organization of coin collectors. Each of the 32,000-plus members receives *The Numismatist*, a monthly magazine.

Dues are \$21 a year for adults and \$11 for persons between ages 11 and 17. Membership forms and other details are available from the ANA at 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903.

● "Making Money," a collection of nearly 100 entertaining vignettes subtitled "Rogues and Rascals Who Made Their Own." Author Edward C. Rochette details schemes of get-rich-quick artists, like the man in 1919 who smuggled gold out of the Denver Mint in a hollow wooden leg.

"Making Money" costs \$9.95 in paperback from Renaissance House, P.O. Box 177, Frederick, Colo. 80530.